

BASEBALL

Greatest Diamond Show On Earth

Ethiopian Clowns

(Independent Semi-Pro Champions of the World)

New Orleans-St. Louis Stars

(Members of Negro American League)

Pelican Stadium—New Orleans, La.
Tuesday Night, Sept. 24, 1940
8:00 O'CLOCK

COMING: Second Annual North-South Game
TUESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 1, 1940
FEATURING STARS OF EAST-WEST GAME

Stars Lose

The Ethiopian Clowns, behind the pitching of Impo and Nanalykti, shut the New Orleans Negro Stars out, 6-0, Tuesday night at Pelican Stadium.

Impo, who pitched four innings for the Clowns, struck out 10 men and kept the Stars from reaching first base. In the fifth inning, he stumbled over first base after grounding to third and fractured his leg.

Nanalykti, the relief hurler, allowed the Stars to fill the bases in the fifth with none out. However, he tightened up and no runs scored. Nanalykti and Impo struck out 20 men in the nine innings.

Clowns	AB	H	O	A	Stars	AB	H	O	A
Grigbi	1b	4	0	4	Green	cf	4	0	3
Selassie	ss	4	1	0	Lyles	3b	4	1	1
Mofike	cf	3	1	0	Britt	rf	4	0	3
Ausie	2b	3	1	0	Ward	ss	4	1	1
Wahoo	3b	3	0	0	Myer	lf	2	1	5
Khora	c	4	0	2	Riddle	2b	4	0	2
Nyassas	lf	4	0	0	Bennett	lf	3	0	0
Tarzan	rf	3	0	1	Calhoun	p	1	0	0
Nylykti	p	1	3	1	Smith	c	4	0	1
Impo	p	2	1	0	Smith	p	3	1	0
					Boone	p	1	0	0

Totals 31 527 5 Totals 31 427 9
Score by innings: 000 002 400-6
Clowns 000 000 000-0
Stars
Summary: Runs, Grigubi, Selassie, Ausie 2, Nanalykti error, Bennett runs batted in, Ausie 2, Selassie three-base hit.

Miami Ethiopians Take 2 from American Giants

The Miami Ethiopian Clowns, colored semipro team, won their thirty-second game in 34 yesterday by taking a double header from the Chicago American Giants, 4 to 2 and 8 to 3, in the Giants' park. Scores:

Miami000 001 012-4 6 0
Chicago000 101 000-2 6 1

Batteries—Askari and Tarzan; Miller, McKinley and Smith.
SECOND GAME.
Miami.....003 400 1-8 9 0
Chicago.....000 102 0-3 5 0
Batteries—Macon and Limpopo; Hudson, Ross and Smith.

Clowns And Monarchs Play To 7-7 Tie Here

The Miami Ethiopian Clowns and Kansas City Monarchs battled.

Ethiopian Clowns From Florida Turn in Smart Performance Before Big Crowd in Winning, 10-7

Clowns Nip Buckeyes

Pitchers stole the show as Negro baseball made its 1940 debut at Borchert field Sunday afternoon when the Ethiopian Clowns, world's independent colored champions, took a double header from the Cincinnati Buckeyes, 2 to 1, and 1 to 0, before 2,500 fans. The first game went 10 innings and the second seven.

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When the webbing was knocked out of Smith's glove as he attempted to catch a hard smash, the clowns ran out and tried to dress him up with shin guards, breast protector and a catcher's mask.



6,000 Fans See Ethiopians Win From Davidites

An overflow crowd of 6,000 people watched the Ethiopian Clowns clown their way to a 5 to 0 win over the House of Davidites at the Municipal stadium Friday night. The Clowns, in spite of their comical antics, outclassed the bearded crew all the way and played ball of a big league caliber.

In the middle of the sixth inning the Clowns took a few minutes off from the serious side of ball playing to delight the crowd—one of the largest in the County park this season—with a fast "no-ball" infield drill.

In a style convincing to all, the Colored boys whipped their imaginative ball around with perfection, adding to the entertainment a variety of acrobatics and comic antics.

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MACON, Ga.—(SNS)—Baseball fans of Macon and vicinity received a rare treat here Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Luther William park when the nationally famed Ethiopian Clowns of Miami staved off the challenge of the Brooklyn Royal Giants by defeating them 4-2 on Tuesday night and playing to a 9-9 deadlock on Wednesday night, the game being called because of the 12 o'clock curfew law.

The Clowns did everything that has been written about them, handling the ball like a monkey would handle a peanut and giving the cash customers something besides pure baseball with their clowning antics.

Clowns Capture Finale

En route today to Sioux City, Iowa, for a continuation of their exhibition baseball series, the Ethiopian Clowns and Kansas City Monarchs had left Canada all square after a brief pause that refreshed the keener students of America's national sport.

The Ethiopians won last night's fixture 8-4 after dropping Thursday night's opening engagement 4-3. In their wake the Negro nines left the indelible impression of superlative pitching, some well-received clowning and the thought they could have done better in hotter weather.

Two players who stood out vividly in today's reflections were Second-Baseman Rainy Bibbs of Monarchs and a pitcher who calls himself Impo—whatever that is—of the Ethiopians. Since the Clowns assumed pseudonyms in keeping with their club's name, it's impossible to guess the true handle of Mr. Impo. Suffice to say, however, that he could have climbed into a flour bin and called himself Bob Feller, and no one would have known the difference, least of all the Monarchs.

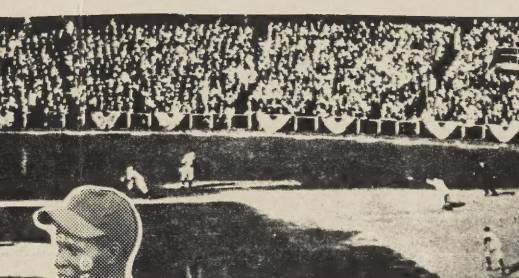
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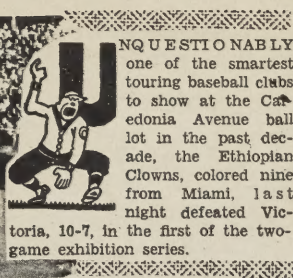
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QUESTIONSABLY one of the smartest touring baseball clubs to show at the Caledonia Avenue ball lot in the past decade, the Ethiopian Clowns, colored nine from Miami, last night defeated Victoria, 10-7, in the first of the two-game exhibition series.

Clowns Stretch Victory Streak After Taking Kaysee Series

APPLETON, Wis., Sept. 12—The nationally famous Ethiopian Clowns, after capturing their series of 5 out of 8 games from the Kansas City Monarchs, Negro American league champions, blazed their way to new fame and glory, in defeating the strong Appleton Papermakers (white) of the Wisconsin State league, 7 to 6, before 5,000 fans, who marveled at the speed, ability and down-right funny antics of the visiting Clowns.

Lefty BoWe was the winning pitcher, holding the organized league ball tossers to four hits, however was a bit wild, due to the wet ball and chilly weather, however managed to maintain his lead throughout the game, to emerge a victor.

Another achievement in the Ethiopian Clown tour was "School Boy" Impo's 1-hit victory performance over the Michigan City Cubs (white), in turning back the Indiana club, 5 to 0. Impo is being hailed in these parts as the "Colored Bob Feller," showing a burst of speed and a strike-out record of 14 batters per game.

Clowns Trim Madison Nine For 3rd Time

MILWAUKEE, June 19—Milwaukee's baseball season was ushered in in grand style at Borchert field when the Ethiopian Clowns trimmed the Madison Blues, 1938 Tri-State league champions, 7 to 1.

A total of 4,541 fans, 345 of whom were Urban League children, saw "School Boy" Impo of the Ethiopians and Alvin (Butch) Krueger, former big leaguer, hook up in a pitchers' duel until the latter tired in the eighth.

This was the third straight victory for the Clowns over the strong Madison aggregation, having defeated them twice on their home grounds, 8 to 3 and 11 to 8, under the floodlights.

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Baseball Treat

Ethiopian Clowns

Clowns Smart Club

The Famous Original

ETHIOPIAN CLOWNS

Pepper Game... Shadow Ball... Laughs! Thrills! Comedy!

With rapid-fire comedy, antics which had the children and grownups as well laughing throughout the game, the Ethiopian Clowns were everything that they claimed to be. They

By DAN PARKER



A LOT OF PEOPLE are helping the cause of the Colored ball player by contributing empty talk, which is the cheapest commodity on earth. However, the New York Yankees are doing something concrete to encourage ball players of African lineage. Instead of putting a stiff rental fee on the Yankee Stadium to discourage Negro National League on a reasonable percentage basis while their team is on the road, thus enabling the striving young league to get its head above water. Last year, the league staged nine double-headers in the Stadium and made money for the first time. Cousin Ed Barrow, head of the Yankee organization, has offered the Col. Jacob Ruppert Trophy to the Colored team with the best record. All this is going to help Colored baseball much more than cheap words.

Everyone in Organized Ball would do well to study the lesson to be drawn from MacPhail's enterprise, the dimming of Dean's star, the popularity of Buck Benny with the kids and the adoption of progressive innovations. No longer is it possible merely to open the gates, without any further effort to draw the crowds. Those easy days have gone, never to return.

Most Sensational Ball Club in the World



SYD POLLOCK, Booking Manager N. TARRYTOWN, N. Y.

John "Pepper Pot" Martin, St. Louis Cardinals star: "We played Negro teams in Oklahoma that just ran our pants off on the bases. They are fast and daring. Ask Diz—they used to murder him."

Comical Ethiopian Clowns Wallop Jaycee Club, 14-2

Mixing up some classy ball-playing with a flock of ludicrous antics, the Ethiopian Clowns set up a three-ring circus on Borsleske field Saturday night, making monkeys out of the Walla Walla Jaycees who came out on the short end of a 14 to 2 count.

Really Good

Fans who had been leary about the advance publicity dished out by the touring colored club, left the field convinced of the Clowns' ability. On two occasions Jaycee scoring threats were squelched by double plays, and the all around snappy playing of the winners was unquestionable.

Laughs were provided by a 'shadow' game put on in the middle of the first inning, and the antics of the negro players. The last of the ninth the Clowns spent most of the time on the pitcher's mound, and the second half of the tussle.

Before the season's largest crowd in the Davenport park, Schoolboy Impo won the decision. MADISON will get its first 1940 glimpse of fast, semi-pro baseball tonight at Breese Stevens field when the Ethiopian Clowns and the Chicago American Giants open up a limited series of exhibition games to be staged throughout the season by the Madison Blues baseball organization. Game time will be 8:15 p. m.

The booking of these two fast Negro traveling teams is in answer to many requests for these novel attractions which proved popular during the past few seasons. The games, however, will have the sponsorship of the local Three Eye league organization and will in no way interfere with the regular schedule, club 'president' Duane Bowman asserted.

6,000 Fans See Ethiopians Win

Largest Crowd In Many Years Witness Colorful Exhibition At Sewanee Stadium, Portsmouth



C. L. (POSS) PARSONS, SPORTS EDITOR.

—By— DAVE "SHOWBOAT" THOMAS

The famous "Clown Princes of Baseball," the original Ethiopian Clowns, who tied for third in the 1939 DENVER POST tournament, will be showing their wares for the first time in the 1940 meet Thursday night against Lead-Deadwood, S. D. It's attraction enough to get a chance to see a fast, hard-hitting team like the Clowns perform. But the added comedy and color they flash along with their classy baseball performance makes them a circus worth going miles to see. And that's what many regional baseball fans did last year, coming from all parts of the state to see the Clowns perform.

the Clowns are the most popular attraction in baseball outside the major leagues. And there's one department they even outshine the big leaguers. Listen to what Manager Campbell has to say about the Clowns' sensational pregame infield workout:

Even Entertain Themselves

"The fans will go for the show our infield puts on in a big way. Anyone who has watched this year's infield warmup before the game starts knows the boys are putting on a flash act and a good one at that, well worth five stars, an early start to the ball yard and rounds of applause. The fans aren't the only ones who get a kick out of the exhibition the infield puts on. It's so good the outfielders even stand around the bench and watch it, instead of shagging fly balls in the outfield. It's the fastest, fanciest fielding exhibition ever presented on any baseball diamond, many critics claiming our boys' work during the infield workouts far surpasses that seen at the best of major league ball parks."

Topping off the infield show is their clever shadowball game and a few other acts, followed by a dish of baseball that leaves little to be desired. Yes, it's truly a great opening night show, that awaits baseball-hungry POST tourney fans.

Fans who saw the Clowns perform last year won't want to miss their pregame show. Besides bits of impromptu comedy during their warm-up, the Clowns put on an infield workout that ranks with the major leaguers, topped off by a clever, mirth-provoking shadowball game. The Clowns' repertoire of acts also includes a pepper-game second to none and several other acts.

In organized baseball, the brand of ball produced by the two top-flight Negro teams probably would place them in a Class AA league—the American Association or International league. The pitching positively sparked, the infields were sharp and the baserunning was outstanding.

Largest Crowd of Current Season Sees Two Thrilling Battles, Both Won In Final Innings of Game

All attendance records for the opening Sunday games in THE DENVER POST baseball tournament were broken at Merchants park Sunday when 7,678 paying customers packed every available inch in the stands and overflowed onto the field along the right-field foul line. This photo shows a panoramic view of one of the largest throngs in Denver's baseball history.

Clowns Won . . . And Fished a Bit

ETHIOPIANS' SHOW IS QUITE A LAUGH

No longer is it necessary to play the game of baseball with a ball. The Negro version, as dished up by the ebony Ethiopian Clowns, has the old style of using a pill backed off the diamond.

At least this was the opinion of close to 2000 fans up Athletic Park way last night. Chuckling customers were somewhat bewildered as the Florida Clowns chased imaginary flies, slid into bases and generally had a busy time catching and hitting . . . all sans the usual horsehide.

And just for good measure, while taking time out from plastering a 10-2 shellacking on the Cincinnati Buckeyes, two of the septa south-ern rowed out to the middle of the diamond and proceeded to cast for fish, all in fun of course.

While running between rain drops at Bob Brown's sandlot, these Ethiopians, who incidentally play a very smart brand of ball, managed to build up an early 6-run

The paradoxical truth about Osborne Stadium's first venture into the What's-The-Difference league is that Kansas City Monarchs and the Ethiopian Clowns produced the finest brand of ball seen here this year, as well as the most unimpeachable.

Clowns Nip Monarchs in Tight Battle

Some 3,500 baseball fans were afforded spectacular pitching at the Munny stadium Tuesday night as the Ethiopian Clowns nipped the Kansas City Monarchs, 3-2, in an 11-inning encounter.

lead in the opening frame, boomed out a total of 19 bingles during the tilt and coasted to an easy 10-2 victory.

The Clowns are one of the very few daily playing road clubs that consistently draw capacity crowds, and last year rated the best in financial success. These bedecked diamond stars insert plenty of comedy antics into their play but always play top-notch baseball. Last season the Clowns won 157 games. Some of the stunts that the Clowns pull include running bases backward and playing without a ball at all. At times, baserunners will sit down in the base paths and pretend to row their way. On the coaching line, Peanut Davis Nyasses manages to steal the spotlight with his unorthodox instructions and antics.

THIS column tips its hat to Willard Ludtke for the swell show he brought to Davenport Tuesday night, the Kansas City Monarch-Ethiopian Clowns game. That compared favorably with some of the major league games we have seen this summer. The Clowns' first baseman could chase any major leaguer off the bag. The pitchers really possessed qualifications that, but for their color, would make them valuable additions on any hurling staff.

Clowns Win Double Bill

The Ethiopian Clowns took a doubleheader from the Toledo Crawfords, 12 to 2 and 5 to 1, Sunday at Borchert field before 3,000 fans. Jesse Owens, Olympic ace and former Ohio State university Big Ten champion in the sprints, hurdles and broad jump, put on a fine exhibition of running between

Nyasses Steals Spotlight



The Waterbury (Conn.) Republican says:—"Combine Jesse Owens and Houdini, Multiply by Nine, & You Have an Idea of the Speed, Pepper and Downright Slugging Ability of the Ethiopian Clowns."

CLOWNS PUT ON GOOD SHOW FOR FANS

LEAD-DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

LOSES TO ETHIOPIANS, 15 TO 1

Record-Breaking First Night Crowd Sees Colored Club Score Six Runs in First Before Man Is Retired.

A RECORD-BREAKING opening night crowd for THE POST baseball tournament turned out to watch the Ethiopian Clowns Thursday and the colored funsters didn't waste any time deciding the issue.



Ethiopian Clowns Beat Homestead Grays 5-1

MIAMI, Fla. April 7.—The Ethiopian Clowns opened their 1939 season with a decisive 5 to 1 victory

DOMINIONS LOSE COLOURED CLOWNS CUT CAPERS COMICALLY IN CHARITY CLASH

Kings of diamond comedy, with a laugh in every move and more tricks than a medicine show barker, the Ethiopian Clowns, billed as the world's coloured baseball champions, can have higher billing than that, any time, if the opinions of nearly three thousand fans here mean anything for last night, playing under floodlights at the baseball stadium, the Clowns defeated Dominions by a score of 6 to 2 and sold themselves completely to every patron present.

Really Smart Gang

The visitors, in the first place, uncovered ability that would undoubtedly belong in the majors except for the fact that dusky gentry have no place in the big leagues' scheme of things. Secondly, they proved funnier than the proverbial barrel of monkeys, with more genuinely humorous stunts than the Hollywood gagsters could think up in a lifetime, and they overlooked no chance to enliven the proceedings more by impromptu laugh-provokers. In short, the visitors kept the big crowd virtually in spasms from the start of the workout to the finish of the game, and they were

Many Funny Stunts

While the Clowns played magnificent ball generally, they hogged the spotlight with their fun-making. The latter interfered in no whit with their able playing, for with all their horse-play, they showed more speed than a flock of gazelles, handled the ball with the dexterity of shell-game manipulators, and at one stage of the tilt, convulsed the fans when infielders and outfielders alike reclined on the ground while Pitcher Impe drove his smoke ball past the Dominion batsmen. Only one outfielder was registered by the visitors, and Dominions might just have well been facing the New York Yankees.

Clowns Down Cuban Stars

Miami's Ethiopian clowns topped off their spring baseball activity yesterday with a 9-2 triumph over the Cuban Stars, their second straight victory over the invaders. The largest crowd of the season saw the game, the last before the Clowns go on the road Thursday.

CUBAN STARS—	AB	R	H	E
Valdes, m	5	0	3	4
Schubert, 2b	5	0	1	0
Lopez, cf	5	0	1	0
Blanco, 1b	5	0	1	0
Farmer, lf	5	0	1	0
Carreras, 3b	5	0	1	0
Don, c	5	0	1	0
Fernandez, c	5	0	1	0

Ethiopian Clowns In 53 Win Over Negro All-Stars

Crowd of 3,900 Overflows Douglas Park to See Colored Men Play

It has been many a moon since Douglas park, Rock Island, has been crowded to overflowing for a baseball game as it was last night when more than 3,900 fans jammed every available seat and overflowed onto the playing field to watch the famous Ethiopian Clowns do battle with "Satch" Paige's Colored All-Stars. The Clowns won a close 5 to 3 contest

Packed Grandstand Thrilled by Antics of Negro Comedians